

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
MAY 22, 2013**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Due to the length of an executive session that was held prior to this meeting, Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called this meeting that was advertised for 7:00 p.m. to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Absent
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. April 17, 2013 regular common council meeting

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on May 20, 2013. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

IMPA Agreement Amendment. Hauersperger said the City received an amendment to the agreement with IMPA regarding the City's capacity payment

and the dispatching of the Power Plant. Since the City is no longer receiving a capacity payment and the Power Plant will probably not be running within the next year due to the economy, IMPA is proposing to reduce the fee normally charged per month for dispatching. IMPA is now charging a monthly fee of \$3,166 and will reduce the fee to \$500 per month, while continuing to monitor the wholesale market. He said the Utility Service Board recommended the Common Council approve the IMPA contract amendment, pending legal review.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the 3rd amendment to the agreement with IMPA contingent upon legal review. Motion carried 6-0.

JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Linda Kahle attended the meeting on behalf of the Board. She reported on events that occurred last month such as the Chalk Walk, the 10,000 Maniacs performance, and a Pet Theatre for Kids.

Review tax abatement compliance forms [CF-1]-Indiana Furniture Industries. Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real and personal property for 2013 pay 2014 from Indiana Furniture Industries Inc were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Council member Gregory Schnarr asked why the number of retained employees estimated at 287 on the SB-1 form declined to 269 that it shows for the actual number retained. Bernard Kreilein, Chief Financial Officer for IFI, said the company shifted away from the veneer product and fewer hours were worked in that department so some employees left IFI to work elsewhere. The decline was caused by the market in general not as a result of IFI's expansion.

A **motion** was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to find that IFI is in compliance with its statement of benefits for both personal property [CF-1/PP] and real property [CF-1/RE]. Motion carried 6-0.

Review tax abatement compliance form [CF-1/Real Property]-Braun Family Properties.

Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for real property for 2013 pay 2014 from Braun Family Properties were previously submitted to the council members for their review. Council member Gregory Schnarr said the SB-1 estimated salaries for 168 retained employees shows \$5,463,963 while the actual salaries for these 168 retained employees shows \$5,025,000. He asked why there was a decrease in the wages. No one representing this business was present. The council agreed to table this matter. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said she will contact this business and have them present the information at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND APPROVING A STATEMENT OF BENEFITS [Meyer Distributing, Inc.]

This resolution approves Meyer Distributing's amended SB-1 for personal property.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to have the resolution read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2013-1. Motion carried 6-0.

Under discussion City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the taxpayer's accountant noticed wrong amounts were used for the current assessed value for the equipment on the SB-1/PP form so he submitted an amended form for the council to consider. The estimated values for the proposed project did not change. The corrected information would not adversely impact the scoring of the applicant's project.

Review tax abatement compliance form [CF-1/PP]-Stens LLC. Copies of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form for personal property for 2013 pay 2014 from Stens LLC were previously submitted to the council members for their review.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to find that Stens LLC is in compliance with its statement of benefits for personal property, Form CF-1/PP. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-12 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING
ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA FOR
THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
2013**

This ordinance appropriates additional money in the EDIT Fund and the Stormwater Management Fund. A notice to taxpayers appeared in the Herald on May 11, 2013. Mayor Seitz asked for public comments. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-12. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-27 ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE AFFIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE CIVIL CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AND ITS EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2013'

This ordinance adds the Pro-shop and Ranger – Licensed position and rate of pay to the salary ordinance.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-13. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1999-35, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SPECIFIED EXPENSES PRIOR TO ALLOWANCE OF THE CLAIM BY BOARDS OF THE CITY

This ordinance adds the expense “Wholesale purchase of beer and wine for retail resale purposes” to the list of items that can be paid prior to board approval.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-14. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-54 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE JASPER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION”

This ordinance adds a fee for a cooler deposit and a fee for a Monon ride and dine train excursion.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded

by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-15. Motion carried 6-0.

Under discussion Council members Kevin Manley and Randall Buchta commented on the \$10.00 cooler deposit fee and said usually the deposit is not that expensive at other courses.

Other comments. Mayor Seitz said tomorrow is “Spirit of Jasper Media Day”. It starts at the depot at 1:00 p.m. Council member Thomas Schmidt said the owner of the former Jasper Cabinet property needs to take care of the weeds and trash. He needs to have a timeline or start the process to do something with this vacant building. He also said the State was suppose to have started repairing US 231 that runs through Jasper but to date no work has been done. Council member Earl Schmitt commented that the State was going to repair US 231 in Huntingburg first then repair certain sections of US 231 through Jasper.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 19th day of June, 2013.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer